

Florida Gold Coast Chapter No. 60

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS, INC.

MEETING & MAXI MART

AT THE MIRAMAR CIVIC CENTER

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8 9:30 TO 1:00 PM.

TABLES \$2.00 (CHAP 60) \$4.00 NAWCC MEMBERS

SCHEDULE: Mart setup 9:30 AM. Mart opens 10A M. Table covers are required.

All NAWCC members are welcome. Admission by National Membership Card. Non-members are welcome as guests, to look and visit, but they are not allowed mart privileges.

CLINIC: A watch and clock clinic will be held during the mart.

COMMENTS: The November meeting was excellent. The Mart was very successful and the "Absolute Auction" was fun for every-one. John Sands, our expert auctioneer, along with Steve and Faith Bernat did an outstanding job. Already there are requests for a repeat next year. Our thanks to you all. We also thank Paul Tociapski FBHI for his fine presentation "Englishman Talks On Clocks."

BUSINESS MEETING: Minutes and Financial Report. Treasurer Bob Spinney will be accepting 1997 DUES.

Election and Installation of 1997 Officers. Jerry Schusterow, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of Officers. President Joe Cohen, 1st Vice. President Charlie Banks, 2nd Vice. President Gary Colegrove, Treasurer Bob Spinney, Recording Secretary Gerald Lamb, Corresponding Sect. Jack Seeley, Sargent-at-Arms Steve Bernat. Please plan to attend and welcome the new Officers.

Bulletin Board. Information on some of the Candidate seeking National Office is available during the meeting. The ballot will be included in the Feb. Bulletin. We encourage you to VOTE. Percentage wise Fla. has a low record of voters, but the capability to elect a Candidate

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: You don't have to be a "Clock-a-holic" to realize time does fly, but being one just reminds you of the fact more frequently. As my tenure in office, as president, ends it brings forth many recollections as a 25 year charter member and officer.

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PRES. MESSAGE cont. There are so many people to thank both in and out of Chapter 60 for the growth and success of our Chapter it is too difficult to restrict it to one column. I certainly wish to thank the Officers and Committee Members for their efforts throughout the years and the supportive general membership of 150 in attendance or in the sense of belonging to a creative National organization. With the Gold Coast Chapter entering its 26 year of Charter, I am certain that our continued growth will result in stature granting us National recognition as we maintain the basic foundation of National's Not-for-Profit status, that is the Purposes

1. to stimulate interest in Horology
2. to foster interest in research and collecting Horological items
3. to collect and preserve Horological data and material
4. to disseminate information regarding the field of Horology
5. to cooperate with individuals and with other organizations in exhibiting Horological items
6. to stimulate the orderly exchange of Horological items by Members.

This has resulted in the World's finest comprehensive Horological Museum, library and the newly created and fine School of Horology. It has been a great 25 years with lots of work, fun and personal satisfaction. I am proud to be a NAWCC Fellow and feel fortunate to have been able to play a small role in its continuing prosperity. Have a good holiday season, good health and cheer in 1997.

Larry Fanshaw

Swan Song: My term of office as Corresponding Secretary will terminate December 31. My thanks to you all for your help and cooperation. I have enjoyed my office and I encourage Members to accept an office. It is a great way to get to know the Members and it affords a closer relationship with National headquarters. The personal at National have been a tremendous help in providing information on most any Horological question as well as the invaluable membership update.

Mimi Fanshaw

60. FLORIDA GOLD COAST

Meeting Calendar Third Sunday-Each Month Except August and December

The October 15 and November 19 meetings were well attended with very active marts preceding the business meeting.

We recently learned that long-time and faithful member Charles Rohrlich passed away. Charlie was always ready to lend a helping hand and rarely missed a meeting while he was able.

At the October meeting, new members Warren Overpack and Jeffrey and Andria Beck were introduced and welcomed by President Larry Fanshaw. Larry announced that the chapter clock repair class resumes November 7 at the Hollywood Hills Adult Community School. Chapter member Ralph Pasch will serve as instructor

The meeting program featured Jerry Niesen's hands-on "E5capement II Clocks." The judging of the Clock Restoration Contest followed the business meeting. Winners were Joe Cohen, first place, Brian and Olga Littleton, second, and Barry and Murry Friedlander, third.

For show and tell, Bernie Heyer described an unusual steeple clock. At our November meeting the program was "Be a Junior Watchmaker." Volunteer members disassembled Elgin pocket watches under the watchful eye of Larry Fanshaw. We all enjoyed the lesson; however, reassembling will be the real challenge! For show and tell, Izrael Benjamin displayed his hand-made diamond and black onyx yellow gold wristwatch case for a Patek Philippe Model 12-60 AT and an engraved pocket watch case for a thin minute repeater split second chronograph.

On November 17-19, the D.S. Clark 7th Annual Fall Antique Event was held at the Broward County Fort Lauderdale Convention Center (site of the 1998 Florida MidWinter Regional). Thanks to Joe Cohen, our chapter had an exhibit table at no cost. To 128 acquaint attendees with the NAWCC and Chapter #60, we showed the video of the National Museum and several other videos of horological interest. Members were available to answer questions. -*Miriam Fanshaw*



Izrael Benjamin during Chapter #60's show and tell.

Joe Cohen wins first place in Chapter #60's clock restoration contest.

